Coal linkage lor Vishakhapatnam Thermal Power Plant

1997. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the MINISTER OF COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide coal linkage to Viahakhapatnam Thermal Power Plant in Andhra Pradesh from Talcher Coalfields in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (b) Coal linkage for Vishakhapatnam TPS (1000 MW) has been ngreed from Talcher Coalfield. The ultimate requirement of Coal for the Thermal Power Station is expected to be about 3.54 m.t. p.a.

Import of Coal for power plants of South India

1998. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have imported 30 lakh tonnes of coal for power plants of South India;

(b) if so, what is total deficit on import of coal;

(c) whether this imported quantity of coal will be additional allotment to power plants in South India; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) to (d) Government of India in the Ministry of Coal is not importing coal for supply to the thermal power stations in Southern India. Coal Companies are in a position to meet the fall requirements of coal of all thermal power stations in the country according to their generation targets. However on persistent requests received from Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and Karnataka Power Corporation, Govt. of India in the Ministry of Finance have permitted imports of 2 million tonnes and one million tonne of coal respectively by them at a concessional import duty. The imports would enable .them to build up buffer stocks.

Nationalisation of coal-fields of North East

1999. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to nationalise coal fields of North East;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the quantity of the estimated coal reserves found in North East especially in Meghalaya ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER UN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S..B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal, at present to take over any coal mines in the North Eastern States in addition to the mines that were earlier taken over in 1973 in the States of Assam and Meghalaya.

(c) As on 1-1-1992, the coal reserves in the North Eastern States (upto a depth of 1200 metres) have been estimated by the Geological Survey of India as under :—

(million tonnes)

State	Reserves
Arunachal Pradesh	90.23
Assam	295.18
Meghalaya	459.43
Nagaland	19.94